

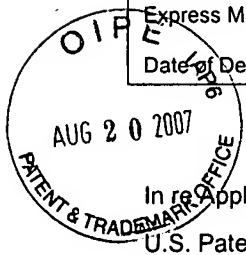
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U.S. Patent Application Serial  
No.: 10/001,237

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Date: March 6, 2006

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Date: October 30, 2001

For: NETWORK AND METHOD FOR TRADING DERIVATIVES

Attorney Docket No.: 4672/363

Examiner: Frantzy Poinvil

Group Art Unit: 3692

Confirmation No.: 9272

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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Amended Request for Reconsideration of Patent Term Adjustment Decision Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(\_\_\_\_\_).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
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Total		Minus			x \$25=			x \$50=	
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
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Fee payment:

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ . A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

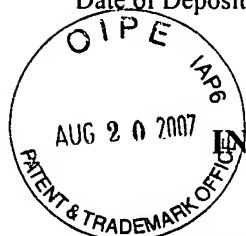
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**AMENDED REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM  
ADJUSTMENT DECISION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)**

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Dear Sir:

A Request for Reconsideration of the Patent Term Adjustment decision was filed on April 6, 2007. That Request was dismissed on July 13, 2007 (see Exhibit E). In response to the dismissal of Applicant's original Request, Applicant is filing this amended Request. In particular, as noted below, the Applicant hereby certifies that each item of information

contained in the information disclosure statement (1/8/07 I.D.S.) was first cited in **any** communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement (1/8/07 I.D.S.).

A notice of allowance was issued for the present application on March 13, 2007 indicating that the issue fee is due on June 13, 2007. The issue fee is being submitted for the present application in conjunction with this request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment. The Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system and the notice of allowance both indicate a patent term adjustment that was calculated by the U.S. Patent office pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.701 of 729 days. A copy of Notice of Allowance for the present application is included herewith as Exhibit A.

Applicant's Attorney believes that the patent term adjustment should be 901 days. For the reasons stated herein, reconsideration of the patent term adjustment is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.705(b). Please charge the petition fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(e) to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. Please charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

The patent term adjustment for the present application was calculated by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office based on activities and associated dates detailed in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system Patent Term Adjustment History, attached as Exhibit B. Applicant's Attorney believe that an error in the PAIR system Patent Term Adjustment History may have resulted in an incorrect patent term adjustment for the present application as described in detail below. The present application is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

**Period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703****Period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(d)**

The period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(d) is not limited by the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement in compliance with §§ 1.97 and 1.98 if it is accompanied by a statement that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement..

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on January 8, 2007 (“1/8/07 I.D.S.”) and is attached as Exhibit C. The 1/8/07 I.D.S. included the following statement: “For purposes of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), Applicant certifies that each item of information contained in this Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Statement (a copy of any foreign communication first citing a listed reference is attached for the Examiner's reference).” Exhibit C, pp. 1-2. In correction of the dismissal, dated July 13, 2007 (attached as Exhibit E), of Applicant’s original Request of April 6, 2007, the Applicant hereby certifies that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement (1/8/07 I.D.S.) was first cited in **any** communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement (1/8/07 I.D.S.).

The communication from the foreign patent office was dated December 18, 2006 as

evidenced by the PCT Search Report, attached as Exhibit D. The submission date of December 18, 2006 is shown on page 2 of Exhibit D. The 1/8/07 I.D.S. (Exhibit C) was filed on January 8, 2007, which is less than 30 days (30 days would be January 18, 2007) after receipt of the communication from the PCT (Exhibit D). Accordingly, under 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d) the statement in the 1/8/07 I.D.S. (Exhibit C, pp. 1-2) affirming this fact should result in NO applicant delay. However, in the PTO calculation (Exhibit B), 172 days of Applicant delay are listed as a result of the 1/8/07 I.D.S. The 172 days of Applicant delay is therefore improper under 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d) and should be removed. According to our calculations, we believe that the patent term adjustment should be 901 days ( $729+172=901$ ), instead of the 729 days indicated on the Notice of Allowance attached as Exhibit A.

Applicant's Attorney expects that additional delay can reasonably be expected prior to a patent issuing for the present application. Applicant's Attorney therefore requests re-computation of the period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703 upon identification of the date of issue of the patent of the present application to reflect this delay. With this request, Applicant's Attorney further reserves the right to request reconsideration of the patent term adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d) if the term of the issued patent is believed to be extended or adjusted incorrectly.

### Conclusion

It is respectfully asserted that the patent term adjustment determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for the present application may not be correct. Accordingly, Applicant's Attorney respectfully requests the U.S. Patent and Trademark office to reconsider, and make revisions to the PAIR system Patent Term Adjustment History in view of

the previous remarks. In addition, it is respectfully requested that the patent term adjustment be re-calculated by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in view of the above remarks. Office personnel are invited to contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicant's via telephone if such communication would be beneficial in fulfilling this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 20, 2007

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Scott Timmerman", written in dark ink over a horizontal line.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/001,237	10/30/2001	Neal Brady	4672-363	9272

TITLE OF INVENTION: NETWORK AND METHOD FOR TRADING DERIVATIVES

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	YES	\$700	\$300	\$0	\$1000	06/13/2007

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED. SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE DOES NOT REFLECT A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE IN THIS APPLICATION. IF AN ISSUE FEE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN PAID IN THIS APPLICATION (AS SHOWN ABOVE), THE RETURN OF PART B OF THIS FORM WILL BE CONSIDERED A REQUEST TO REAPPLY THE PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE TOWARD THE ISSUE FEE NOW DUE.

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- B. If applicant claimed SMALL ENTITY status before, or is now claiming SMALL ENTITY status, check box 5a on Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal and pay the PUBLICATION FEE (if required) and 1/2 the ISSUE FEE shown above.

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III. All communications regarding this application must give the application number. Please direct all communications prior to issuance to Mail Stop ISSUE FEE unless advised to the contrary.

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# **PART B - FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL**

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(Signature)
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**1. Change of correspondence address or indication of "Fee Address" (37 CFR 1.363).**  
☐ Change of correspondence address (or Change of Correspondence Address form PTO/SB/122) attached.  
☐ "Fee Address" indication (or "Fee Address" Indication form PTO/SB/47; Rev 03-02 or more recent) attached. Use of a Customer Number is required.

**2. For printing on the patent front page, list**  
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(B) RESIDENCE: (CITY and STATE OR COUNTRY)

Please check the appropriate assignee category or categories (will not be printed on the patent): ☐ Individual ☐ Corporation or other private group entity ☐ Government

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- ☐ Issue Fee  
☐ Publication Fee (No small entity discount permitted)  
☐ Advance Order - # of Copies \_\_\_\_\_

**4b. Payment of Fee(s): (Please first reapply any previously paid issue fee shown above)**

- ☐ A check is enclosed.  
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☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the required fee(s), any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ (enclose an extra copy of this form).

**5. Change in Entity Status (from status indicated above)**

- ☐ a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27. ☐ b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

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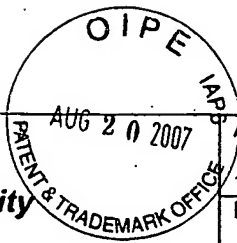
## Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 729 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 729 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) WEB site (<http://pair.uspto.gov>).

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571)-272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at 1-(888)-786-0101 or (571)-272-4200.



# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/001,237

Examiner

Frantzy Poinvil

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the response filed 7/20/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 21-60.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
  - \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

FRANTZY POINVIL  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

1. Claims 21-60 are allowable over the art of record.

The abstract has been changed to:

- - A computer network and method for electronically trading derivatives. The system includes networks and methods where a control or network managing station in the network acts as a facilitator for the market makers and subscribers to make a trade at an Exchange. In another embodiment the network managing station consummates the trade between a market maker and a subscriber by matching binding quotes and orders and clears the trade at an Exchange. The computer network for electronically trading derivative uses: (a) network managing station; (b) one or more market maker stations; (c) one or more subscriber stations; (d) one or more Exchanges. The network managing station connects market makers and subscribers for making real time indicative quotes, issuing requests for quotes, obtaining binding quotes and wherein the market maker and subscriber are in communication with an Exchange for sending binding quotes and orders to the Exchange for clearing and confirming transactions. - -

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest:

"the requestor may cause transmission of the request for an indicative quote for the at least one product via the network to the identified market maker station of the plurality of market maker stations, the remaining of the plurality of market maker stations not receiving the request for the indicative quote, and whereby the identified market maker station may respond to the request for indicative quote with an indicative quote for only the at least one product and the at least identified market maker station may respond to the request for a binding quote with a binding quote for only the at least one product" as recited in independent claim 21.

The prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest a function of "enabling communications between the subscriber station and at least the identified market maker station of the plurality of market maker stations such that the subscriber station may cause transmission of request for a binding quote for the at least one product to the at least identified market maker station and the at least identified market maker station may respond with a binding quote only for the at least one product" as recited in independent claim 31.

The prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest "third logic stored in the third memory and executable by a third processor to generate the request for identification of the market maker station associated with a market maker interested in quoting for the at least one product of the plurality of products and transmit the request to the at least one network managing station via the network, and cause transmission of the request for an indicative quote for the at least one product to the identified market maker station via the network in response to the enabling of

communications by the at least one network managing station, the third logic being further operative to cause transmission of the request for a binding quote for the at least one product to the at least identified market maker station via the network in response to the enabling of communications by the at least one network managing station" as recited in independent claim 40.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantzy Poinvil whose telephone number is (571) 272-6797. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Chilcot can be reached on (571) 272-6777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

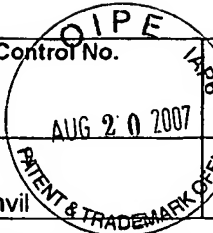
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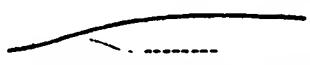

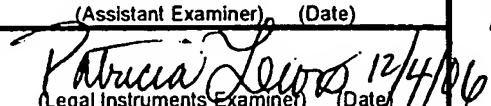
  
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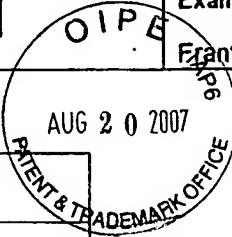
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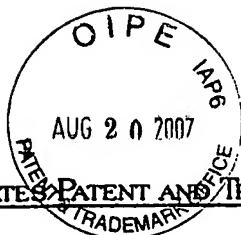
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

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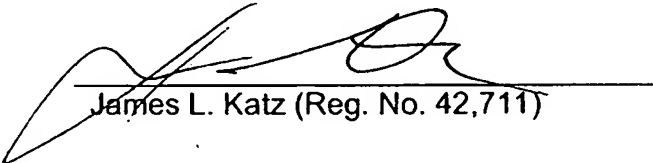
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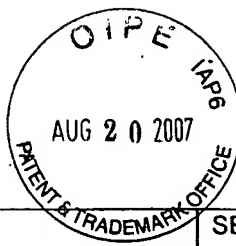
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## NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220

These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under Article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article," "Rule" and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions, respectively.

### INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international publication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only (see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, Annexes B1 and B2).

The attention of the applicant is drawn to the fact that amendments to the claims under Article 19 are not allowed where the International Searching Authority has declared, under Article 17(2), that no international search report would be established (see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, paragraph 296).

#### What parts of the international application may be amended ?

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

**When ?** Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

#### Where not to file the amendments ?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been/is filed, see below.

**How ?** Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

#### What documents must/may accompany the amendments ?

##### Letter (Section 205(b)):

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

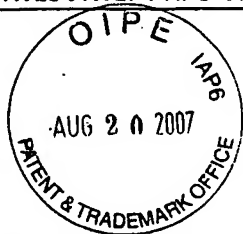
The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

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In re	:
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Application No. 10/001,237	:
Filed: October 30, 2001	:
Patent No. 6,979,556	:

: DECISION REGARDING  
: PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT  
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This letter is in response to the "REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.705(b)", filed April 6, 2007. Patentees request that the determination of patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) be corrected from seven hundred twenty-nine (729) days to nine hundred one (901) days.

The application for patent term adjustment is DISMISSED.

On April 5, 2007, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment (PTA) to date is seven hundred twenty-nine (729) days. On April 6, 2007, Applicants timely<sup>1</sup> submitted the instant application for patent term adjustment, asserting that the correct number of days of PTA at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is nine hundred one (901) days.

Patentees state that the patent issuing is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

The Office initially determined a patent term adjustment of seven hundred twenty-nine (729) days based on an adjustment for PTO delay of six hundred twenty-seven (627) days pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A)(i) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1), two hundred sixteen (216) and one hundred thirteen (113) days

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<sup>1</sup> Applicants filed the application for patent term adjustment together with the filing of the issue fee.

pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A)(ii) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(2), reduced by Applicants' delays of fifty-five (55) and one hundred seventy-two (172) days pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(2)(C)(iii) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c)(8). The adjustment of one hundred seventy-two (172) days is at issue.

A review of the application file reveals that applicants filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on January 8, 2007, after they had previously filed a response on July 20, 2006. The IDS did not contain a proper 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d) statement. The IDS contained a statement that "each item of information contained in this Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Statement." § 1.704(d) states that an IDS will not be considered a failure to engage under (c)(8) if it is accompanied by a statement that "each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and that this communication was not received" more than thirty days prior to the filing of the IDS.

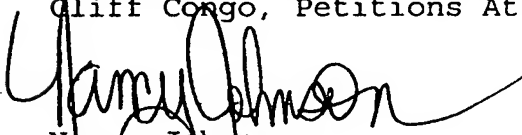
Applicants should have mirrored the language as required by § 1.704(d). Accordingly, applicant delay of one hundred seventy-two (172) days was properly assessed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c)(8).

In view thereof, the correct determination of patent term adjustment is seven hundred twenty-nine (729) days.

If applicants want to make the proper assertion, then applicants may file a Request for Reconsideration of this patent term adjustment decision, with a statement mirroring the language of § 1.704(d). Patentees are given two (2) months to respond to this decision. No extensions of time will be granted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

Receipt of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(e) is acknowledged.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Cliff Congo, Petitions Attorney, at (571)272-3207.

  
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